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ROME FOR INS DISTRICT DIRECTOR FALCHER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF, OGEN, EUR/SE

SUBJECT: SOVIET ARMENIAN AND ASSYRIAN REFUGEES IN ATHENS  
(OPERATION SAFEHAVEN)

REF: ROME 18099, ATHENS 9760

1. APPRECIATE INS ROME'S FRUSTRATION AT BEING REQUESTED TO AGAIN COMMENT RE ADMISSION REMAINING INDIVIDUALS BROUGHT TO ATHENS DURING 1976 OPERATION SAFEHAVEN, AT U.S. INSTIGATION.

2. IN REQUESTING DEPARTMENT AND INS WASHINGTON TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO INDIVIDUAL PAROLE FOR SAKE OF FAMILY REUNION, WE ARE NOT SUGGESTING ELIGIBILITY FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY. THIS OF COURSE IS SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF INS OFFICIALS, AND WE DO NOT QUESTION LATTER'S DETERMINATION OF INELIGIBILITY, ALTHOUGH EXPERIENCE WITH NUMEROUS OTHER REFUGEE CASES WOULD SEEM TO DEMONSTRATE THAT FINDINGS OF INELIGIBILITY ARE NOT NECESSARILY IRREVERSIBLE.

3. AS STATED IN ATHENS 9760, GIVEN PRESENCE OF RELATIVES IN U.S., QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL GAIN ENTRY TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNITED STATES, BUT WHEN. IT APPEARS TO US THAT FOR HUMANITARIAN AND ECONOMIC REASONS FAMILY REUNION NOW SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY USG, RATHER THAN DELAY ADMISSION TO U.S. (AT SAME TIME SUPPORTING ALIENS AT ATHENS) UNTIL U.S. RESIDENT SONS AND SIBLINGS GAIN CITIZENSHIP, AND PETITION UNDER IMMIGRATION ACT.

4. WE MAY BE WRONG, BUT SUGGEST THAT INDIVIDUAL PAROLE IS

AVAILABLE AND CAN BE REASONABLY USED FOR ADMISSION OF THESE  
INDIVIDUALS AT THIS TIME.  
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